



SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
April 16, 2009

Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:20 p.m. in Buchanan Auditorium of the Mansfield Public Library

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Clouette, Duffy, Haddad, Koehn, Paulhus, Schaefer
Excused: Blair, Paterson, Nesbitt

II. WORK SESSION

Town Manager Matt Hart distributed and reviewed handouts, which addressed questions previously asked by members of the Council including: a list of flagged items and their disposition compiled from previous work sessions; a communication from CCM showing the effect of the Appropriations Committee's proposed budget on the Town; a memo outlining the impact of staff reductions on the Building and Housing Department's Services; Chief Dagon's budget reduction scenarios for Fire and Emergency Services; a listing of Parks and Recreation employee positions, line item revenues and expenditures; an explanation of savings from energy conservation and the Management Services Fund; a listing of open space parcels purchased through Capital Projects, and contemplated scenarios for the Capital Improvement Program if revenues are reduced further.

Ms. Koehn requested a measurement of the number of youth programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department versus the number of staff, in comparison with other towns.

1. Capital Improvement Program

Flagged – Research whether or not the Town Council media project could be a lease purchase.

Members agreed by consensus to implement the energy management system as funds become available in the Management Service Fund.

Flagged – Consult with the Planning office regarding the statutory requirements regarding open space parcels acquired in the subdivision process.

2. Capital Nonrecurring Fund

3. Solid Waste Fund & Sewer Operating Funds
4. Town Aid Fund
5. General Discussion/Council Questions

Council members discussed the options for the April 21, 2009 meeting and by consensus agreed to prepare an agenda indicating the meeting would be held if necessary.

Flagged – The Town Manager will request that the Director of Social Services be available at the April 20, 2009 meeting to discuss area agency contributions and staffing.

Flagged – Staff and Council members will be available to assist citizens with the drafting of motions for the Town Meeting.

6. Opportunity for Public to Address the Council

Betty Wassmundt, Old Turnpike Road, asked for clarification on certain accounting procedures and asked the Council to research the ability of the Town to sell small open space lots. Ms. Wassmundt also reported an open well site on the Dunham Pond property, which needs to be covered.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Koehn seconded to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss Strategy or Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining as provided for in CGS§1-200(2).

Motion passed unanimously.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining

Present: Clouette, Duffy, Haddad, Koehn, Paulhus, Schaefer

Also Present: Town Manager Matthew Hart, Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola, Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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Ms. Duffy moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Gregory Haddad, Deputy Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk